

(d) and (e). An FIR has been filed with the Delhi Police and the matter has also been taken up with the postal authorities, Parliament Street Post Offices and the Managers of the Nationalised Banks.

(f) to (h). Since the matter is still under investigation further action can be taken only on knowing the full facts.

[Translation]

Indo-Nepal Joint Committee on Sapta Kosi Project

6292. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:
SHRI R. SURINDER REDDY:
SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD
YADAV:
SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indo-Nepal Joint Committee for experts has been set up to work out the modalities of investigations and studies regarding the Sapta Kosi multi-purpose project in Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress made in the construction of multipurpose dams in Barah region on the river Kosi, Sheeshapani region on the river Kamla and Nunthar region on the river Bagmati in Bihar; and

(d) the number of meetings held with the Nepal Government in this regard during January, 1990 to February, 1992 and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A Joint Committee of Experts has been constituted to finalise the modalities of the investiga-

tions and the method of assessment of benefits.

(c) The First meeting of the Joint Committee of Experts was held in Kathmandu from February 13-14, 1992. No agreements have been reached for the construction of dams.

(d) Five meetings at official and political level have been held. During the last visit of Prime Minister of Nepal to India in December 1991 it has been agreed to carry out joint studies/investigations as are necessary to finalise the parameters of Kosi Multi-purpose dam expeditiously. In case of Kamla and Bagmati it was agreed that Nepal will carry out needed investigations and prepare the feasibility report by 1993.

Newspapers Published from Gujarat

6293. SHRIMATI SHAVNA
CHIKHLIA:
SHRI RATILAL VARMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of registered weekly, monthly and daily newspapers and magazines being published from Gujarat;

(b) whether the newspapers and magazines are following the prescribed rules; and

(c) if not, the action taken in this matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) As per data compiled upto 31.12.1990 by the Offices of Registrar of Newspaper of India, 58 dailies 253 weeklies and 333 monthlies from Gujarat have been registered.

(b) and (c). The Registrar of Newspa-

pers for India administers the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867. If the publisher of a periodical or book does not follow the provision of the Act, action can be taken within the powers conferred by the Act.

Accommodation for Telecom. Employees in Gujarat and U. P.

6294. SHRIMATI BHAVNA
CHIKHLIA:
DR. RAMESH CHAND
TOMAR:
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:
SHRI RATILAL VARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of the Government regarding allocation of staff quarters to the employees of Post and Telecommunication Department;

(b) whether the residential accommo-

dation has been constructed in Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh for the employees of both the Departments;

(c) if so, the number of house available at present;

(d) whether the government propose to construct more houses in these States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The policy regarding allocation of staff quarters to the employees of post and Telecommunication Departments is based on rules framed on the subject from time to time by the Directorate of Estate, Ministry of Urban Development.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Department of Posts:

Gujarat	-	971	Nos.
Uttar Pradesh	-	1743	Nos.

Department of Telecommunications

As on date

Gujarat	-	1438	Nos.
U. P.	-	2226	Nos.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Department of Posts:

Staff Quarters likely to be constructed in the near future are;

Gujarat	-	316	Nos.
U. P.	-	138	Nos.